

Thieves Loot Apartment and Take \$20,000

Prove Taste by Discarding Plate and Taking Only Most Valuable of Silver Jewelry and Art Objects

Police Without a Clue

Woman Says House Has Been Robbed Often; Detectives Assert It's News to Them

Burglars displaying the taste of connoisseurs broke into the apartment of Mrs. Katharine D. Epps, in Central Park West, near Ninety-third Street, Friday night and took more than \$20,000 worth of jewelry and silverware. The police made every effort to keep the robbery, one of a series in the neighborhood, a secret. No arrests have been made.

Mrs. Epps returned to her apartment about 10 o'clock on Friday night and found it in disorder. Drawers had been pulled out and their contents strewn about the floor, while every piece of jewelry of any value and much of her silverware were gone. The thieves had entered and left through a window on the rear fire escape.

In selecting the silver they threw the plate to one side. The robbers also found some jewels of slight value and left them on a table.

House Robbed Frequently

"How long since the last robbery in this neighborhood?" a Tribune reporter asked Mrs. Epps.

"I do not remember, but there have been five or six in this house," she said. "It's funny we did not hear of them," broke in a detective who was present.

"Well they were reported to the police," Mrs. Epps replied.

"Do you know anything about these other robberies?" the detective was asked.

"We have had much of this around here," he said. "People get scared and call for the police when they find their windows open."

Mrs. Epps said a man living over her had suggested that the robberies in the house were being committed by some one who knew the house well. All the robberies have taken place when persons have left their homes for the evening.

James Chapman, twenty-seven, who gave no address, was arrested by de-

tectives of the Parkville station in Brooklyn yesterday and charged with being a receiver of stolen goods. He was held in \$11,000 bail for examination Tuesday.

Chapman was taken into custody by four detectives in a garage on West Street, near Church Avenue, where the police found leather hides valued at \$100,000. They say the property was stolen from Foister & Vogel, leather merchants, of 75 Cliff Street, Manhattan, February 8 last.

The police are searching for a hold-up man who yesterday, with a confederate, robbed Rudolph Voelker, fifty, of 60 West Seventy-first Street, of \$250 in cash and escaped.

Mr. Voelker was called to a doorway on Seventh Avenue, near Fifty-fourth Street. Two men pushed him into a corner and ordered him to be silent while his pockets were searched. Many persons were passing and the robbers worked quickly. After obtaining the money one of them struck Voelker on the head and then ran.

Michael McNulty, a passerby, seeing the men running gave chase. Police-man Harris, of the West Twenty-seventh Street station, joined in the chase and cornered a man who gave his name as Thomas Jordan, of 59 East Sixty-fifth Street. He was held on a charge of robbery and felonious assault. The man with the money escaped.

Overseas Veteran Held

Sergeant Ralph Price, an overseas veteran, was held by the Brooklyn police yesterday following an alleged confession that he was one of the two men who tried to rob Mrs. Emily O'Brien, the B. R. T. ticket agent at the Chestnut Street station of the Fulton Street elevated Thursday night.

Price was arrested for attempting to hold up, of 507 Logan Street, and for shooting Vincenzo Spudiro, a shoemaker, of 415 Belmont Street, who went to Prigo's assistance. According to police, Price said he was "A. W. O. L." from Camp Upton since August 23, when he returned from overseas.

Magistrate Robert Ten Eyck, in the Tombs Court, yesterday held that the evidence produced was not sufficient to hold John J. O'Neill, of 450 West Sixty-sixth Street, and Thomas Geary, of 23 Willis Avenue, Jersey City, in connection with the hold-up of Michael McNulty, a messenger for the Burns Brothers Coal Company, last Saturday. Both were discharged.

L. I. Country Place Robbed by Auto Thieves

\$10,000 in Silver and Trophies Taken at Home of F. Coit Johnson, Near Oyster Bay

MINEOLA, L. I., Sept. 27.—More than \$10,000 in solid silver ware, together with cups won at Yale and in various cattle and horse shows, was stolen early Friday from Koonstuck, the country home of F. Coit Johnson, a Manhattan cotton broker, on the Millneck Road near Oyster Bay. Serv-

ants yesterday morning discovered that the entire lower floor of the mansion had been ransacked.

District Attorney Charles R. Weeks at once sent Charles Hanson, finger print expert, to investigate. Finger prints of all the employees of the place were taken. Entrance had been gained by prying open one of the windows on the front porch.

Silverware which had been gathered in all parts of the world by the family, together with souvenirs, cups won at Yale and a large number of horse shows and prizes for the blooded cattle were all taken. The thieves are believed to have had a car.

Bandits Attack Girl

And Escape With \$864

Of Jeweler's Payroll

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 27.—Miss Mabel Meyer, a bookkeeper for the Otto Shanbacher Company, manufacturing jewelers, of 32 Marshall Street, was held up and robbed of \$864 to-day by two men in the hallway of the building. She had just drawn the money from the Union National Bank for the payroll.

Miss Meyer did not see the men until they were close to her. One pulled her hat down over her eyes, while the other wrested the money bag from her hands. The screams of the girl brought Mr. Shanbacher to the hall. The robbers fled, and Miss Meyer and Mr. Shanbacher jumped into an automobile and pursued. The chase led past the 1st Precinct station house, and the men were lost in the crowd.

Before the robbery two young men answering the description of the payroll robbers entered the store of Matthew Rooney, at 292 Nineteenth Avenue, and asked for several bars of soap. As Mr. Rooney turned to get the soap one of the men drew a blackjack and attempted to hit him. The storekeeper shouted for help and the robbers ran.

Salvation Army Congress

Will Meet Here on October 15

The Salvation Army in the United States will hold its annual congress in New York City October 15 to 19, it was announced yesterday at headquarters, 122 West Fourteenth Street. Delegates from army posts all over the country will attend and Commander Evangeline Booth will preside.

The congress will discuss the problems of the poor and plan further religious work. All of the provincial officers of the army are expected and hundreds of minor officers.

Woman Leaps to Death

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Public Charity Budget To Be Over \$900,000

Association for Improving Condition of the Poor Will Need Larger Fund

Owing to increased cost of food, fuel, clothing and medicines the Board of Managers of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor decided at a meeting yesterday that next year's budget should total \$920,000, approximately \$100,000 more than for the current fiscal year, which expires October 1. Of this amount, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., president of the association, said it would be necessary to raise \$600,000 by public subscription. During the present year \$446,000 was contributed in 14,000 donations.

Bailey B. Burritt, director of the association, said the minimum food requirement of an average family of five persons for a week now costs \$9.55, compared to \$8.52 last year and \$5.50 in 1914. Clothing, he also said, had increased 101 per cent in the last five years.

Syracuse Mayor Starts War on 'Phone Rates

ALBANY, Sept. 27.—Mayor Stone, of Syracuse, to-day filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission, 2d District, asking for a review and investigation of the rates of the New York Telephone Company and that they be declared unjust, excessive and unreasonable and that such a reduction be ordered as may be determined to be reasonable, just and legal by the commission.

The rates against which the complaint is directed were established by Postmaster General Barleson during the period of Federal operation of telephone lines. The commission will serve the complaint upon the telephone company for answer within ten days.

It is the first formal complaint made against the upstate rates of the telephone company.

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More than ordinarily impressive are these after-the-war creations of renaissance France—reminiscent in their imperial magnificence of "the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome." The regal lines, the beautiful textiles, the superb color contrasts—and, perhaps more than all, the unique individuality which makes of each and every model a separate triumph—combine to invest the entire collection with an artistic value that is virtually without a parallel

French Wonder-clothes for the Babies

Lovely things has Paris designed for the littlest folk in America to wear—and the loveliest of them all are here.

How lovely these baby-clothes really are one could never believe without actually seeing them. Dainty little frocks that must have been fashioned by fairies' fingers, such marvels are they of fine-spun fabric, delicate lace and exquisite needlework; cloaks made of stuffs as rich and rare as the samite of mediæval days; bonnets and caps that only a baby-lover can properly appreciate; and all the lesser, though equally important items that go to make up the wardrobe of the little one upon whose birth Fortuna has smiled.

The Jewelry Department is displaying

Gold (14-karat) Watches for Men and Women; Necklaces of jade, coral, amethyst and quartz crystal; Jet Ornaments in great variety; Imported Novelties; Diamond Jewelry; Hair Ornaments in many beautiful effects; Fans and Opera Glasses; Beaded Bags; and Bags for the Opera.

The First Autumn Sale of Black Silk Hosiery (every pair full-fashioned) will offer exceptional values to-morrow.

Women's Black Silk Hosiery

With lisle tops and soles, per pair \$1.85
Three pairs for \$5.25

All silk (medium weight), per pair \$2.25
Three pairs for \$6.50

All silk (heavy weight), per pair \$2.75
Three pairs for \$7.85

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Men's Black Silk Half-hose

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Three pairs for \$2.40

Fine Hand-made Laces of rare beauty

are among the choice exhibits in the enlarged Lace Department, on the First Floor.

The unprecedented demand for real laces from Belgium has found B. Altman & Co. amply prepared. The collection now ready for display embraces fine hand-made laces of every desired width and classification, from the narrowest Valenciennes edgings to the full flounces of exquisite rose point; as well as point Malines, point Binche, point Milan and other beautiful laces, and an unusual selection of exquisite bridal veils.

In addition to the modern specimens, there is a remarkable group of genuine Antique laces, including a rare flounce of the period of Louis XIV, as well as many other noteworthy pieces.

The Velvet Department is featuring

Lyons Erect-ple Velvets; Chiffon Velvets, 40 inches wide; Silk Duvetyn; and English Chiffon Velveteens, 36 to 44 inches wide; all of these in black and fashionable colors; and Imported Salome Velvet, in black only.

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